

Appl. No. 09/751,971
Amdt. Dated September 9, 2005
Reply to Office action of July 12, 2005
Attorney Docket No. P12651/64645-1044
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended Claims 1, 7-9, 12-15, 17, 28, 34 and 36; Claims 4, 6, 16, 21-27, 35 and 37-42 have been cancelled. Claims 43-49 have been added. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, Claims 1-3, 5, 7-15, 17-20, 28-34, 36 and 43-49 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant extremely appreciates the Examiner's statement that Claims 6-9, 12-19, and 37-38 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to now incorporate the allowable subject matter as recited by dependent claim 16. Similarly, independent claim 34 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter as recited by dependent claim 38. Lastly, a similar limitation is further recited in independent Claim 28. As a result, the Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 28, and 34 are now in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance for those independent claims and their respective dependent claims is earnestly requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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